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SUBJECT: PETER NEWMAN SEES MOVE OF CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT FROM QUEBEC

1. PETER C. NEWMAN, EDITOR OF MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE AND AUTHOR OF "THE CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT," TOLD THE CANADIAN CLUB IN TORONTO APRIL 25T THAT "QUEBEC SEPARATISM MAY YET TURN OUT TO BE THE VIETNAM OF THE CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT." NEWMAN CLAIMED THAT THE CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT, THE SOME THOUSAND BUSINESS LEADERS HE CLAIMS RUN CANADA, HAS "NEVER REALLY COMPREHENDED THE NATURE OF THE STRUGGLE" IN QUEBEC AND HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE POWERES UNLEASHED BY RENE LEVESQUE.

2. NEWMAN STATED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT LEADERS "HAVE WITHDRAWN VITAL GROWTH FUNDS, CUT QUEBEC RIGHT OUT OF THEIR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLANS, ABANDONED THE PROVINCE TO ITS OWN DARK DEVICES. THIS, IN MY VIEW, IS AN ERROR OF MONUMENTAL PROPORTIONS. IT MAKES THE CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL ELITES, IN THE SENSE, THAT IF IT CONTINUES IN ITS PRESENT COURSE, IT WILL BECOME THE MAIN AGENT OF ITS OWN DESTRUCTION, THE CHIEF DECIMATOR OF ITS OWN INFLUENCE. BY OPTING OUT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY, ENGLISH CANADA'S ESTABLISHMENT HAS HANDED RENE LEVESQUE HIS GREATEST
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STRENGTH: THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER."

3. NEWMAN, A STRONG FEDERALIST, RETURNED TO HIS USUAL THEME THAT ENGLISH-CANADA NEEDS A CULTURAL REVOLUTION "WHICH WOULD EXCITE US ABOUT OURSELVES. THE CONCEPT OF A NATION IS FORMED NOT ON BATTLEFIELDS, NOR EVEN IN BUSINESS BOARDROOMS, BUT IN THE SOUL OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE MINDS OF THEIR LEADERS."

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